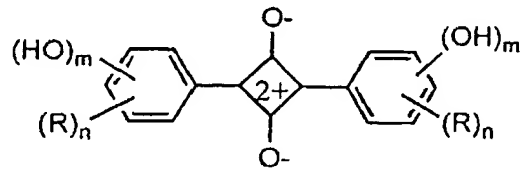
IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 17-22 (Cancelled)

Claim 23 (Currently Amended): ~~The squarylium compound of Claim 17,~~ A squarylium compound having the formula (I):



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wherein R is C_{1-20} linear or branched alkoxy which is optionally substituted; m is an integer of from 1 to 4; and n is an integer of from 1 to 4.

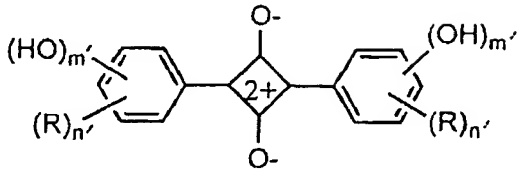
Claims 24 (Cancelled).

Claim 25 (Currently Amended): The squarylium compound of Claim ~~22~~ 23, wherein R is C_{1-6} linear or branched alkyl which is substituted by hydroxyl or alkoxycarbonyl.

Claim 26 (Previously Presented): The squarylium compound of Claim 23, wherein R is C_{1-6} alkoxy.

Claim 27 (Cancelled)

Claim 28 (Currently Amended): ~~The squarylium compound of Claim 17,~~ A squarylium compound having the formula (I):



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wherein m is 3, n is 1 and R is alkyl which is optionally substituted.

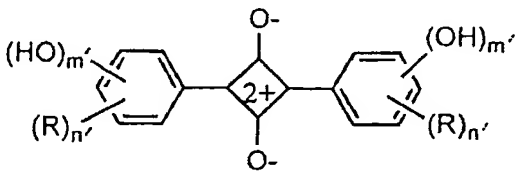
Claim 29 (Cancelled)

Claim 30 (Previously Presented): The squarylium compound of Claim 28, wherein R is $-CH_3$.

Claim 31 (Previously Presented): The squarylium compound of Claim 28, wherein R is $n\text{-}C_3H_7$.

Claim 32 (Cancelled).

Claim 33 (Currently Amended): ~~The squarylium compound of Claim 29,~~ A squarylium compound having the formula (I):



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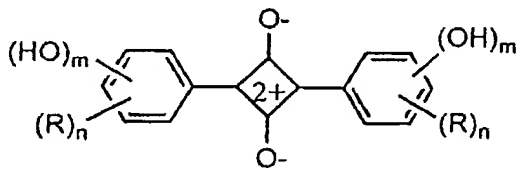
wherein m is 2, n is 1, and ~~wherein~~ R is $-OCH_3$ or $n\text{-}OC_4H_9$.

Claim 34 (Currently Amended): The squarylium compound of Claim ~~17~~ 28, having an absorption maximum in a range of about 580 to 600 nm.

Claim 35 (Previously Presented): The squarylium compound of Claim 28, wherein R is $-C_5H_{11}$, -n-C_4H_9, $-CH_2C(CH_3)_3$, $-CH_2C_6H_5$, or $-CH_2CH(C_2H_5)C_5H_{11}$.

Claim 36 (Cancelled).

Claim 37 (Previously Presented): A filter for a plasma display panel, comprising a layer containing an ultraviolet absorber laminated on a layer containing one or more squarylium compounds of the formula (I'):



(I')

wherein:

R is halogen, alkyl which is optionally substituted, alkoxy which is optionally substituted, or alkenyl which is optionally substituted; m' is an integer of from 1 to 4; and n' is an integer of from 0 to 4.

Claim 38 (Previously Presented): The filter for a plasma display panel of Claim 37, wherein for at least one of the squarylium compounds n'=0.

Claim 39 (Previously Presented): The filter for a plasma display panel of Claim 37, wherein for at least one of the squarylium compounds n'=0, and m'=2 or 3.

Claim 40 (Previously Presented): The filter for a plasma display panel of Claim 37, wherein R is an alkyl group which is optionally substituted.

Claim 41 (Previously Presented): The filter for a plasma display panel of Claim 37, wherein m'=3, and n'=1.

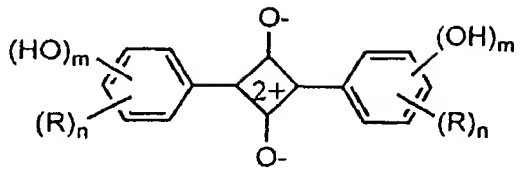
Claim 42 (Previously Presented): The filter for a plasma display panel of Claim 37, having a visible light transmittance is at least 40%.

Claim 43 (Previously Presented): The filter for a plasma display panel of Claim 37, which further comprises a near infrared screening layer.

Claim 44 (Previously Presented): The filter for a plasma display panel of Claim 37, which further comprises an electromagnetic wave screening layer.

Claim 45 (Previously Presented): The filter for a plasma display panel of Claim 37, which further comprises an antireflection layer.

Claim 46 (Currently Amended): ~~The filter for a plasma display panel of Claim 36,~~ A filter for a plasma display panel, comprising a layer which contains one or more ~~squarylium compounds of Claim 17~~ squarylium compounds having the formula (I):



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wherein:

R is halogen, alkyl which is optionally substituted, alkoxy which is optionally substituted, or alkenyl which is optionally substituted; m is an integer of from 1 to 4; and n is an integer of from 1 to 4 and which further comprises a glare-preventing (non-glare) layer.

Claim 47 (Previously Presented): A plasma display panel device, comprising the filter for a plasma display panel of Claim 37, on a screen of a plasma display panel.

Claim 48 (New) The filter for a plasma display panel of Claim 37, comprising a UV ray-absorbing layer on a light irradiation side of the filter.